

PROCLAMATION

From April 16 - 22, 1961, communities throughout the United States will celebrate the fourth National Library Week-- a concerted, nationwide effort to focus attention on the importance of reading and libraries in our national life.

The overwhelming response to the first observance of National Library Week offered concrete evidence that people everywhere in America are concerned over the quality of our intellectual life. Today, more than ever before, we need to read in order to toughen and make resilient the intellectual vigor with which we face our problems; expand our mastery of the scientific revolution in which we live; enlarge our knowledge and understanding of the other peoples of the world who are inextricably our neighbors; renew our spiritual and cultural heritage.

But there is a wider aim; to rededicate ourselves to the ideas and ideals of a free society. Since ours is a society based on the choices made by the many rather than the few, its greatest concern must be the development of every individual to his highest capacity. Its vitality, its very existence depend upon the extent to which all the people have formed the habit of finding out; of weighing alternatives intelligently; of reading to be informed.

Although reading has always been an unparalleled source of entertainment, suddenly "a better-read, better-informed, America" is imperative. The printed word has become a necessity to keep us in watchful readiness to exercise responsible citizenship. Only a wide variety of reading can inform us of what has been and what is, and can train the imagination to forge ahead into what might be in the future. Therefore,

I,.....Archie.Gubbrud.....Governor of the State of
.....South.Dakota....., do hereby proclaim the week of
April 16 - 22, 1961, to be

LIBRARY WEEK

and call on our citizens to join in an occasion which will recognize the vitality and strength of the printed word in today's world and its importance to our survival.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and
caused the Great Seal of
South Dakota to be affixed
this 10 day of April
in the year of our Lord
One Thousand and Sixty One,

Archie Gubbrud
Governor, South Dakota

ATTEST:

James H. Anderson
Secretary of State

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